

## GIRLS SEARCH SEA ALL NIGHT IN TUG TO MEET PARENTS

With Doctor and Nurse for Sick Mother, Brave Perils of Fog to Find Liner.

CALLED BY WIRELESS.

Helen and Marjorie McCurdy Hurry From Chicago and Take Parent to Hospital.

The condition of Mrs. George L. McCurdy, wife of a wealthy Chicago insurance man, to meet whom her daughters sped to sea on a tug and spent the night on the bay in the fog, is reported unchanged to-day in the New York Hospital, whither she was taken on the arrival of the steamship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. McCurdy was stricken with paralysis two days after the North German Lloyd liner left Southampton. Fearing she might not live until the vessel reached New York, Mr. McCurdy sent a wireless message to his two daughters, Helen and Marjorie McCurdy, in Chicago, telling them of their mother's illness and instructing them to take a fast train to New York with a trained nurse, charter a vessel at any expense and meet the steamer at sea. They brought with them Miss Edna Turgeon, arriving on Thursday.

Hired Wrecking Steamer.

The young women had a difficult time chartering a boat, none of the skippers wanting to take a chance in the fog. Finally they hired the big wrecking steamer Chancellor of the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company. Friends at the Waldorf, where they were stopping, tried to persuade the Misses McCurdy to let the nurse go alone, but they insisted on not being afraid of fog, collisions or even of the boat sinking.

Collector Loeb gave permission for a physician to accompany them, and for them to board the steamship. They obtained heavy coats and plenty of wraps, and left the Battery in a heavy fog at 10 o'clock Thursday night. A wireless giving the exact location of the ship did not reach the hotel until the Chancellor had gone. All night the Chancellor searched the gloom for the anchored vessel in Ambrose channel. The young women spent their time between deck and pilot house, refusing to take rest. About 8 o'clock yesterday morning the ship was found crawling to quarantine. A ladder was let down as soon as the liner had dropped anchor. Dr. Dismeyer, sent to represent Health Officer Doty, climbed up and was followed by the young women. In a few minutes the Misses McCurdy were with their parents and younger sister, Alice, who went to Europe with them on Jan. 3.

Hurried to Hospital.

When the ship reached her pier in Hoboken in the afternoon a private ambulance was waiting to take Mrs. McCurdy to the New York Hospital. The McCurdys live at Hinsdale, a fashionable Chicago suburb, and are prominent in Chicago society. The Misses McCurdy did not seem to be any the worse for their experience on sea, when seen at the Waldorf.

"It was very exciting," said Miss Helen, "and of course we were not used to being out on a small vessel in a fog. Yes, we were quite worked up. We spent most of the time out on deck. You see we had those heavy coats on and did not get chilled. But it seemed as if the night would never pass, and of course we were dreadfully worried over our mother's condition. No, we were not afraid. The doctors say that while mother's condition is serious she has a good chance of recovery, so that she is feeling a lot better than we did while we were groping about in that awful fog. We were intensely relieved when we found the ship."

## VOLCANO IN ERUPTION ON ISLAND OF LUZON.

Many Earthquake Shocks Felt in Manila, but No Damage is Caused.

MANILA, Jan. 28.—The volcano of Taal, which is situated on a small island in Bombon Lake, Batangas province, Island of Luzon, is in eruption for the first time since 1872.

The eruption is accompanied by frequent explosions, which can be heard for miles. Enormous columns of smoke and steam can be seen rising from the crater.

As the result of the outbreak of the volcano the waters of the lake have been lowered fully three inches and numerous earthquake shocks have been felt throughout the island.

Ninety-five minor shocks have been registered in this city in the last twenty-four hours.

## STEAMER TOWED TO PORT.

British Sun Was Found Disabled Far Out at Sea.

PAYAL, Azores, Jan. 28.—The British steamer Georgian from Boston for London came in here to-day, bringing to port the British steamer British Sun, which she had taken to town 300 miles to the westward. The British Sun had lost her propeller broken and anchor, but her cargo was not damaged.

The crippled freighter was bound from London for Philadelphia when she broke down.

A complete Detective Story, in Book Form, will be given free with tomorrow's Sunday World (in Greater New York). Don't miss this Great Detective Story.

## Stock Farm Methods for Babies to Breed a Better Type of Men.

Prof. McKeever Explains His Theories of Selective Propagation for the Development of Which He Seeks a \$10,000,000 Carnegie Endowment.

Would Have Public Officials to Regulate Marriages—Thinks New York Might Well Start an Experimental Baby Farm.

By Marguerite Moores Marshall.

"We study and experiment with the scientific breeding of horses, cows, dogs, even hams, and we leave to luck the propagation of the human animal. We the greatest opportunity in all human history knocks at the door of this little young nation. To us especially belongs the duty of reconstructing the race-life, even if we have to check our mad chase for making money, to go more directly into the business of making men."

William A. McKeever, professor of philosophy at the Kansas State Agricultural College, sounds this latest call for the superman. I saw Prof. McKeever last night, at the end of a strenuous three days in New York, which he visited for the purpose of telling the Child Welfare Exhibit about "a better crop of girls and boys." In the half hour before he took the train for Kansas he told something more of his highly interesting theories, both as to the planning and raising of this crop.

Incidentally, he was graduated from the University of Chicago, and holds an honorary degree from Harvard. He was a country boy and a proud of the fact. He is not very tall, and stoops a bit at that, but his shoulders are broad and his lean, smooth-shaven face wears a fine coat of prairie tan. His blue-gray eyes are inclined to assume a slightly far-away gaze, and, indeed, he admits to the absent-mindedness of the proverbial philosopher. Now listen to his philosophy.

Wants a Carnegie \$10,000,000.

"I believe we have not even guessed at the possibilities of human development," he began. "We have not stepped to guess, or think, or plan. We have busied ourselves with every other art that promises a money return, but we have totally neglected the business promising the most profitable results, the selective breeding of the race. "Any stock farm proves that it needs more than chance to evolve and true the finest specimens. What we need is to apply the methods of the stock farm to humanity. We should have a national bureau devoted solely to anthropology, the study of man, with experts using the methods of research and inquiry now employed in the promotion of all practical sciences and industries."

"I want to see your great citizen, Mr. Carnegie, put down another \$10,000,000 for the elimination of delinquency through scientific man-breeding. A fund of half a million per year would set some of the master minds of the world at work on this problem."

"Meanwhile, please tell me some of your theories for its solution," I requested.

Would Regulate Marriage.

"The first thing we must do is to regulate marriage. I do not believe that we will ever achieve anything by stricter divorce laws. All matched pairs, permitted to marry and then forced to remain together and fight it out for life, will never give us the progeny we desire. What we need to do is to make ill-advised marriage difficult, even impossible."

"At least there must be a vast amount of anthropological research before we can form any positive conception of the various physical and mental characteristics which should be mated together—or of the proportion in which they should be mingled—to insure the best results for the children of the nation. But there are certain negative laws which we are quite justified even now in putting on our statute books for the limitation and regulation of marriage."

"No one should be allowed to marry who—

"Suffers from any contagious disease."

"Is below the normal in mental development."

"Is a criminal by profession."

"Fails to pass an examination on the proper care of children."

"Cannot prove ability to support a family."

"Is incompetent."

Must Train for Parenthood.

"It seems to me that the first two restrictions need no comment. Most educated people will agree to them. A law prohibiting the marriage of criminals should be framed and administered with caution. A man may commit a criminal act under great temptation, and yet normally be an excellent sort of a person. There is no reason why his children should not benefit the community. With the naturally original—the one who adopts tax-breaking as a profession—the case is different. His children would be handicapped not only by inheritance but by environment. He should not be allowed to marry."

All prospective parents should be trained. The love of children is instinctive, but the ability to care for them properly is not. I think all applicants for a marriage license should be compelled to take a written examination in the elementary facts of child rearing."

Do for Books, Not Life.

"As for compatibility, no marriage should be permitted between people who do not share a certain common



Prof. WILLIAM A. McKEEVER.

## WALL STREET

background. The unions of the mill-owners and the mill girls, of the country youth and the rich society girl, while beautifully romantic in books, are distinctly inadvisable in life."

"Do you believe in international marriages?" I questioned.

"A union between a French duchess and an English duke is a proper one for there is the common background of hereditary aristocracy and all that it implies."

"A marriage between an American girl and a foreign nobleman is more than likely to be unsatisfactory, because it is the mingling of two distinctly different streams of accumulated inheritance."

"And you don't consider that mere love is enough to make marriage a success?"

"From the viewpoint of the race, love-attraction between individuals is absolutely inadequate. It is one essential factor in the development of the superman, but only one."

City Life Bad for Race.

"Another point to be considered is that the modern city presents conditions distinctly hostile to what we may call scientific race development. The compact society and the atmosphere of excitement ripens young life too early. I have often thought that a great city like New York might profitably lease a few square miles of open prairie and use it to produce the type of men much needed in municipal affairs. Upon such an open lot boys could grow physically, mentally, morally, for a quarter of a century, away from the turmoil of city life. Then they would be ready to shoulder the responsibilities of the city."

"Your proposed bureau would then regulate the conditions of the child's development, as well as of his birth?"

"That is the only way in which we can insure a proper development," he declared. "We are proud, with good reason, of our publicly controlled schools. But his school life occupies scarcely more than a quarter of the child's time. So long as there is no control of his home and street life, he will continue to fall into evil and degradation."

"The state or city must go farther than offer play grounds. It must ascertain what is the satisfactory quantity and quality of amusement for children of all ages, and then make attendance at the public play compulsory. The training in the home must be systematized in a similar fashion, and kept under the direct control of state experts. They will have made scientific inquiry into such problems as how to enforce obedience, how to teach the child to spend money, how to inculcate love of work, how to prevent bad habits, and many other things."

"And all this isn't socialism?" said I.

"It's common sense," said Prof. McKeever.

AT ELEVEN SHE PENS PLAY FOR HER DADDY.

And Drama by Otis Skinner's Girl, Youngest Playwright Known, Is to Be Produced.

Eleven-year-old Cornelia Skinner, daughter of Otis Skinner, actor, is following in the theatrical footsteps of her father. She has written a play, and what is much more to the point, she is going to have it acted.

Early last week little Miss Skinner handed a manuscript to Charles Frohman, gravely calling his attention to the fact that it was a one-act play entitled "The Maid," and emphasizing the fact that it contained a "typical Otis Skinner part."

Frohman examined the little girl's work and found that, indeed, she had written an adorable play containing five characters, based on one of the King Arthur legends. There were several good situations in it, and Frohman decided that, with a little fixing up, it might be presented as a curtain-raiser to "Sire," at the Criterion Theatre. So he accepted it and arranged with his juvenile client for royalties.

Little Miss Skinner has been busy with her pen in other directions. She has written verses at various times and some of them have appeared in children's magazines.

## 5 WOMEN HURT WHEN TROLLEY UPSETS AUTO

Injured when their automobile was overturned by a trolley car at Third avenue and Seventy-eighth street, Fort Hamilton, five women are confined to their homes to-day. They are: BURNETT, MISS JOSEPHINE, principal of Public School No. 127, living at No. 226 Seventy-eighth street, Bay

Ridge; one about the head and face and suffering from shock. BURNETT, MRS. LOUISE, No. 63 Hooper street; contusions and shock. BURNETT, MRS. MARY, No. 226 Seventy-eighth street; cuts on hands and face. ROEHSLER, MRS. ROSE, No. 226 Sixty-seventh street; bruises and shock. STERBINS, MRS. IDA, No. 383 Mariborough road, Flatbush; cut about the head and face; laceration of scalp and shock.

The victims were on their way home last night from a reception at Public School No. 127, a block away. The other four were guests of Miss Burnett, principal of the school. It was raining when the reception was over, and an auto was called. Walter Pandel was driving it.

The chauffeur did not see the trolley car in the rain and mist, and the

motorman, William Hanks, did not see the machine. The auto was in the middle of the track when it was struck, swept along fifty feet and turned over. The screams of the women in the auto and the cries of the passengers in the trolley car aroused motorists for several blocks.

All the five women in the machine had been out and bruised. Mrs. Storbins, who is seventy-five years old, was unconscious. Mrs. Roehsler is sixty. After being treated at the Norwegian Hospital the women were taken to their homes.

Cleveland Democracy to Dine.

The annual dinner of the Cleveland Democracy will be held Tuesday evening at Reisenweber's. The speakers announced are John Purroy Mitchel, President of the Board of Aldermen; Samuel A. Koenig, ex-Secretary of State; Gen. George B. Loud of the G. A. R.; John

J. Hopper, former President of the Associated Commission John F. Cowan, William S. Andrews, Commissioner of Records; Lloyd A. Griscom and Joseph A. Warren.

## R R R RADWAY'S READY RELIEF Cures Lumbago

Radway's Ready Relief should be well rubbed over a large surface until a glow is produced, with a burning sensation. Few cases require the Radway Pills. Some do, when a dose on retiring should be taken. Ask for RADWAY'S READY RELIEF and be sure you get what you ask for.

600 New Pianos and Piano-players are now in our warehouses and among them a goodly number have come in from our own incomparable makers, upon which certain concessions have been made enabling us to make some special prices.

The concession must not be considered as a guide for any future business excepting during the next few days while these beautiful Pianos are unsold.

Unusual Piano Offering in Two Respects

Note—First, these are NOT USED Pianos, though some of them have been employed slightly here in the store, and reduced on that account.

Second, the very fact that we have employed them in our Auditorium and Trial Rooms proves that they are the worthiest types of the very best makes of pianos.



## The Pianos Listed Below Are Bright and New from the Testing and Voicing Rooms of the Factors

Some have been on our floors for more than a year, others less than a year. Here and there it will be found, on close examination, that they are varnish-checked and shop-worn, but this only to the extent that applies to careful usage here in the store, and not as would be the case had they been long in household use.

The greater number of the pianos have been employed in demonstrations in our Auditorium and Trial Rooms.

## It Would Not Be Fair to Offer All These Pianos

without stating the above facts, as they all look as new as if they came in yesterday.

In some instances, the only reason for lowering the prices is, that in the year or so that we have had the pianos, the manufacturers have changed the patterns slightly. This does not affect the worth of the older pianos in the slightest, but our store policy decrees that it shall affect the prices.

We regard this as an exceptional opportunity for procuring

## Pianos Virtually as Good as New at Economy Prices

and we are sure you will agree in this view when you call and examine them.

In addition to these pianos

## Two Collections of Perfectly New Pianos Will be Offered Monday

56 New Lindeman Uprights

\$245 to \$290, instead of \$400 to \$600

The prices that prevailed for these excellent pianos before the factory was taken over by the Wanamaker Store. These pianos are made strictly up to the former high standard of the Lindeman & Sons factory, but by the application of better business methods and the elimination of middlemen and other useless burdens we are enabled to sell them at these greatly-lessened prices.

24 New Pianos of Famous Make, \$200

Because these pianos sell at much higher

prices elsewhere we are not permitted to name the manufacturer. But the instruments are the standard products of this reputable manufacturer, and it is an unusual privilege to procure them at a figure even approaching our special one for this sale—\$200.

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4 Chickering Uprights.....	550	435
3 Chickering Uprights.....	600	475
2 Chickering Grands.....	650	525
4 Chickering Grands.....	700	565
6 Chickering Grands.....	750	615
3 Chickering Grands.....	800	650
5 Chickering Grands.....	750	615

## Campbell Pianos

1 Campbell Upright.....\$195 \$165

## Vose & Sons Piano

1 Vose Grand.....\$550 \$425

## Schomacker Pianos

3 Schomacker Uprights.....\$400 \$325

4 Schomacker Uprights.....450 340

1 Schomacker Upright.....600 445

1 Schomacker Upright.....390 295

4 Schomacker Uprights.....425 295

1 Schomacker Grand.....650 525

## Knabe Pianos

1 Knabe Grand.....\$850 \$665

1 Knabe Grand.....950 750

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Pianos up to \$200 Upon Payment of \$5

\$200 to \$400 Upon Payment of \$10

\$400 to \$600 Upon Payment of \$15

\$600 to \$800 Upon Payment of \$25

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